



## **History. Tradition. Community.**



Dr. Abdul M. Omari is the CEO and founder of AMO Enterprise. AMO Enterprise is a firm, which helps people better connect in individual and team settings through leadership seminars, keynotes, and mentoring. The biracial son of two immigrant parents raised in South Minneapolis, as a child Dr. Omari was exposed to various cultures and diverse experiences. He is determined to use his perspectives to help people connect and recognize the value of lived experiences. Dr. Omari helps his clients understand how their life experiences affect their personal leadership styles and relationships with others.

Dr. Omari holds a B.A. in global studies, a master's of public policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and a PhD in comparative and international development education from the University of Minnesota. His research is focused on the perceptions of mentoring and the role of Cultural Intelligence within mentoring relationships. For several years, he has taught leadership courses for college students. Dr. Omari is an elected member of the Board of Regents at the University of Minnesota. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the YMCA Greater Twin Cities, AchieveMpls, and Civic Eagle.

### **What Motivates You**

I am inspired by situations. My parents' meek beginnings motivated me to finish my PhD program and pay off previously accumulated student debt before graduating. Today, their meek childhoods, coupled with my own, continue to drive me to be a good financial steward and work to change the mentality about wealth within communities and my younger family members.

### **Most Rewarding Work Experience**

I am most proud when I facilitate a seminar or deliver a keynote and audience members email me examples of how their personal discoveries have impacted their leadership capabilities as well as other aspects of their lives.

Because I am on several boards, I am intertwined with policy and its impact. Too often there is a physical disparity between who's in office and on boards and who is most affected by policy. My work, in many ways, is to bridge the space between those in the boardroom and those impacted by the decisions within the boardroom. Now, more than ever, it is critical to understand that we cannot move forward as a society without that bridge. True relationships are at the core of it all.

### **Advice for Aspiring Entrepreneurs**

Start with “why” you want to start a business. When you focus on the why, and allow passion to be your compass – everything else will fall into place. I highly recommend the book “Start with Why” by Simon Sinek.

### **Hometown**

- South Minneapolis, Minnesota

### **Education**

- University of Minnesota, B. A., MPP, Ph. D